



## S. F. Paper Says Business Groups On a Nationwide Sitdown Strike

San Francisco, Calif. A nation-wide strike by big business to curtail production and create unemployment—sparked by the National Association of Manufacturers—was charged in a recent issue of The Dispatcher, local longshore union paper here.

An exclusive front-page story by Virginia Woods documented the union's accusation that: (1) workers are being deliberately laid off in the face of available goods and tremendous market demand and (2) badly needed consumer goods already manufactured are being stockpiled and sealed away.

"The conspiracy has two main objectives," the Dispatcher exposed said. "One is to blow the lid off prices by creating an artificial scarcity of goods. The second is to slash wages by creating a large reserve of unemployed workers who will compete with each other for jobs."

One of the examples cited in Miss Woods' story, on which she spent weeks gathering evidence, is the General Electric plant in Ontario, Calif. The company has a warehouse full of electric irons which are being held from the market to await inflationary prices.

Another example is that of a large manufacturer of steel furniture in the San Francisco area who has laid off two-thirds of his workers and is deliberately keeping production at only a fraction of capacity, despite heavy market demand and despite availability of large stockpiles of steel of the kind needed.

Excuse of the manufacturer is that any more profits made between now and next January would only go into taxes. The manufacturer has also stated to friends that he subscribes to the NAM policy that it is a good idea to create unemployment by deliberate layoffs.

## AFL Backing Pepper Bill For Health

Washington, D. C. AFL President William Green informed Chairman Murray of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor that the AFL Social Security Committee has endorsed the Pepper bill providing a program for maternity and child health. In a letter to Senator Murray, Mr. Green said:

"Our membership, which has always concerned itself with the broad social needs of the nation, has been profoundly shocked by the report that 40 out of every 100 men examined by Selective Service were found unfit for military service because of physical and mental defects, many of which could have been corrected or prevented in childhood."

### NEED DRASTIC ACTION

"This startling fact demands prompt and drastic action by the federal government to put within reach of every one of its citizens good medical care and health services. We believe the passage of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill will achieve this urgent objective and are giving unremitting support to that measure."

"Without relaxing our efforts to obtain the passage of that bill, we are persuaded that action must be taken without delay on S. 1318 which would be a first step in building a comprehensive national health program by placing medical care and welfare services immediately within reach of all mothers and children."

## \$2 AN HOUR FOR I.B.E.W.

Detroit, Michigan Local 58, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, will enjoy an hourly rate of \$2.60 days after government restrictions are lifted. This is an increase of 15c an hour over the previous scale.

### The Gentle Hint

MR. SPRIGGINS (gently)—My dear, a man was shot at by a burglar, and his life was saved by a button which the bullet struck.

MRS. SPRIGGINS—Well, what of it?

MR. SPRIGGINS—Nothing; only the button must have been on.

## Why Workers Turn Up Nose At Some Jobs

Washington, D. C. American workers who have lost their jobs since V-J Day are refusing to accept new employment offered to them because the wages are from 34 to 53 percent lower than they earned before.

This was announced by the United States Employment Service after a survey of conditions in three "typical" cities—Atlanta, Columbus and Trenton.

### BIG CUT SHOWN

Labor surveys also disclosed that many discharged servicemen also are refusing to take jobs at cut-rate wages, preferring to get along on unemployment compensation until a better break turns up.

The Employment Service said there was no mystery behind the fact that available jobs are going begging while more than 1,500,000 persons are looking for work. The jobs now being offered, its studies disclosed, would mean a cut in take-home pay averaging from 34 to 49 per cent for men and from 49 to 53 per cent for women.

Explaining, the USES said the lower-skilled jobs available paid lower wages, and a further cut resulted from reduction of the work-week from 48 to 40 hours.

## Kromelbein New Brewery Worker Secy. in Place Of J. Obergfell

Cincinnati, Ohio William J. Kromelbein has been named secretary-treasurer of the United Brewery Workers (unaffiliated) to succeed Pres. and Sec. Joseph Obergfell, who died here recently.

The union's executive board, which named Kromelbein to the post, declared the office of president vacant until the next convention of the union, scheduled to be held in Galveston, Texas, in September 1946.

Kromelbein, for many years a prominent labor leader in Pennsylvania before he moved here, has been corresponding recording secretary of the union since 1941. International Organizer Karl Feller was appointed by the board as corresponding secretary and Ed Hughlett, a member of the board, was appointed recording secretary.

## All But Three Fair Practice Offices Close

New York City "The President's Committee on Fair Employment has been forced to close all but three of its regional offices exactly at the moment when unemployment is growing at the terrifying rate and at the time when their services are urgently needed to prevent a reversion to pre-war discrimination against minorities," said Anna Arnold Hedgeman, executive secretary of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC in a statement released here.

## Sailors Union After Subsistence Pay for Japanese Internment

San Francisco, Calif. The crew of the S.S. President Harrison, refused subsistence allowance and war bonus by the American President Line for time spent in Japanese internment in Shanghai since the day after Pearl Harbor, has sent a written summary of its claims to the War Shipping Administration.

The crewmen picketed the company offices here on their return on a hospital ship until they were given \$200 each against future claims and back pay, according to the Sailors Union of the Pacific contract with the company.

## Tax of Co-ops' Refund Scored By Labor Body

Duluth, Minn. The Minnesota Federation of Labor, meeting here, branded the attack on the co-operatives by the National Tax Equality Association as an attempt "to turn the economic clock back," and went on record unanimously opposing the proposed taxation of co-operative patronage refunds.

## FREEDOM OF PRESS, AIR? PROVES DUD ONCE AGAIN

Indianapolis, Ind. Labor leaders here called on the Federal Communications Commission to revoke the license of Station WTRC, Elkhart, Ind., for "its failure to operate in the public interest."

Frisbie charged that 10 minutes before a local labor broadcast was to be made, the station informed the broadcaster that a part of the script would have to be cut out.

The censored section of the script, which had been approved by the Indianapolis station, WFBM, the previous week, dealt with the way the daily press suppressed news of a Dept. of Justice suit against the A. & P. stores, while playing up a debt owed by Elliot Roosevelt to John Hartford of A. & P.

One of the statements which the station blue-pencilled was this quotation from George Selig's newsletter, In Fact:

"The \$200,000 Roosevelt deal is picaresque compared to the gain by the A. & P. of \$20 million by short-weights and short-changing the American people, faking prices at check-out counters and other practices of the great A. & P. officially charged by the government and reported by Congressman Patman in the Congressional Record—a privileged document. The fact that the U. S. government made the charge and the fact that it appeared in the Congressional Record completely show up the corruption of the press. The newspapers cannot deny the importance of the news and cannot claim fear of a libel suit as the reason for suppression."

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## Report Million Wives, Babies Cared for by Emergency Program

Washington, D. C. A million wives and infants of servicemen have been or are being cared for under the emergency maternity and infant care program, the Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor, announces.

Of these million cases, some 650,000 represent babies born; 250,000 babies on their way; and 100,000, sick infants. Doctor, hospitals, and nursing bills for all of them have been or are being paid out of the \$100,000,000 "stork fund" appropriated by Congress at various times during the two and one-half years in which the program has been in operation.

## Aero Mechanics File Strike Vote at S. D. Consolidated-Vultee

Washington, D. C. Pres. Harvey W. Brown of the International Association of Machinists said here that the union's aeronautical mechanics lodge has filed a petition for a strike vote in the Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft plant at San Diego, Calif., with the NLRB.

Brown said the action follows management's rejection of the union's demand for a 30 per cent wage increase to compensate for the drop in take home pay when hours were cut from 48 to 40 per week. Some 4000 men are now employed at Vultee, which had a wartime peak of 30,000.

## Strike Notice Announced by Coal Truckers

Pittsburgh, Penn. Opening a campaign to organize truckers who haul coal to district homes, Joint Council 40, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, filed a strike notice against 17 specified companies and all others represented by the Retail Coal Merchants Association of Greater Pittsburgh.

The union said the issue in the strike vote is failure of contract negotiations.

## Wichita Labor Hits Junking of Sixteen Uncompleted 'Forts'

Wichita, Kansas The Wichita Trades & Labor Assembly wired a protest to Washington against the junking of 16 almost completed Superforts which cost the government \$8½ million and 400,000 manhours of labor.

"This seems to be a regrettable waste of manpower and the people's money," the body said. "This action is having an adverse effect on morale and we fear will react unfavorably towards the success of the victory bond sales campaign here."

## Thousand Cops Used to Guard Gerald Smith

By CHARLEY ELLIS  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Indignant Los Angeles citizens are demanding to know why 1,000 armed helmeted policemen were used to defend Gerald L. K. Smith from hecklers and pickets at the fascist's third appearance here.

In an open letter to the city's police commission, the Mobilization for Democracy condemned the "unlawful use of the Los Angeles Police Dept. to aid and further the designs of a domestic fascist" and demanded an open hearing to air its charges in full. More than 500 organizations representing thousands of citizens are banded together in the Mobilization, with State Atty. Gen. Robert W. Kenny as their chairman.

### AN ARMY OF COPS

Eight hundred helmeted cops, carrying riot clubs and gas masks, were stationed around the Polytechnic High School auditorium where Smith spoke long before a protest demonstration swelled to between 20,000 and 25,000 pickets and onlookers.

### MANY ARRESTS MADE

In the balcony where most unionists found seats, plainclothesmen were spotted in strategic places in the aisles and along the walls.

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## Why Don't You Headline This Strike, Gents Of the Press?

Washington, D. C. The clothing industry has pulled a successful strike against the government and the nation's consumers.

Refusal of manufacturers to produce lower-priced garments finally forced the Office of Price Administration to grant the industry another 15 per cent increase in ceiling prices for such merchandise as underwear, pajamas, hosiery, shirts and handkerchiefs.

When labor strikes, the newspapers and Congress go into conformation fits—but apparently it's perfectly all right for industry to employ the same tactics because organized labor was forced to carry on a lone fight against the price increases.

For the past two years the OPA has tried to keep cheap clothing prices at about their 1943 levels, which were, of course, marked away up from prewar standards.

The OPA excused its change of policy by pointing out that most of the affected items had disappeared from the market, leaving only the highest-priced merchandise available to purchasers. The OPA said, the lower priced garments will again become available, although the retail selling prices will be "slightly" higher.

## Victory Loan Drive Enters Critical Phase

San Francisco, Calif. With but little time remaining in the official drive to put over the Victory Loan, the labor section of the War Finance Division has called upon the members of organized labor to put their shoulders to the wheel to give this last of all the war bond drives the necessary push over the top.

This loan will take care of the expenses connected with the rehabilitation of returning servicemen, as well as the hundreds of thousands of members of the armed forces still required to garrison enemy territory. Until the Victory Loan Drive is made an overwhelming success, the labor section insists that we shall not have finished our job.

The Federation urges all the unions to put on a final spurt of energy to make this Victory Loan Drive a success.

No wonder the Ku Klux Klan is asleep with all their nightshirts and bunk.

### Defends Job Bill



To oppose repeated insinuations that the full employment bill is supported only by "pinks and reds," Rep. Wright Patman (D. Tex.) above, charged that "every fascist in America is opposing this legislation." Challenged, he named names with Frank Gannett, founder of the Committee on Constitutional Government, high on his list. (Federated Pictures)

## INDEX OF BLS STILL HAYWIRE, CHARGED

(Release from Office of State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. The iniquitous Little Steel formula, which was one of the cornerstones of the wartime wage stabilization policy, focussed the attention of the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Cost of Living Index. At various times in the past the News Letter has called the attention of the California labor movement to the utter inadequacy of this index as a measure of the cost of living.

Because of the widespread discontent on the part of organized labor with the misleading information passed out in the guise of a cost of living index, the President appointed a committee to investigate its accuracy. To labor, one of the most important conclusions of this Committee was that the term "cost of living" was a misnomer when applied to the Index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

It is now evident that the new Secretary of Labor has taken to heart some of the criticisms of the President's Committee, for he has recently announced that the name of the Index has been changed to one which more accurately describes the change it measures. The new name of the index is "Consumers' Price Index for Moderate Income Families in Large Cities."

A simpler and more accurate title would indicate that it is merely an index of the change in price of certain commodities which the Bureau believes to be widely used.

The change in name has done nothing more than to clarify the meaning of the Bureau's index. Nothing has been done to provide organized labor with a proper cost of living index, an index which will measure the rise in the cost of living during the inflationary period in which we now live.

## FULL HEALTH CARE IN NEW UNION PACT

Seattle, Wash. Signing of a contract granting full medical, surgical and hospital care for 1100 Seattle apartment house employees by the Building Service Employees International Union brings to 2500 the number of privately employed workers who have gained this security through the union in two months.

In addition, county commissioners announced they were following suit for 2500 county employees to keep terms of public employment consistent with those of private employment. A sum to cover the costs has been included in the county's 1946 budget.

Previously, the same protection had been won for office building employees, according to The Union Guardian, newspaper of the Northwest Joint Council of the Building Service Employees, which announced the new developments.

According to the Guardian, these are the first such clauses in a building service contract anywhere in the U. S.

## STATE JOB PROGRAM GIVEN TO GOVERNOR

(Release from Office of State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

Eight important recommendations were submitted to Governor Warren and committees of the Legislature by the State Reconstruction and Reemployment Commission, suggesting methods to use in solving California's employment problems. A Citizens' Advisory Committee on Production and Employment, of which C. J. Haggerty, Secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, is a member, has been appointed by Governor Warren, and will review periodically with the Governor the production and employment estimates for California.

The Commission's recommendations are:

1. To establish an Industrial Relations Commission, made up of representatives of agriculture, industry and labor, to reconcile differences of opinion and through cooperation establish better understanding as a basis of approach to problems of production and distribution.

2. To give full support to the objectives of full employment and to call to the attention of the Governor and the legislature measures needed to carry out such objectives.

3. To extend unemployment insurance to those out of work by reason of illness.

4. To memorialize Congress favoring the substance of the Pepper bill providing for an increase in the national minimum wage.

5. To request the legislature to enact legislation to guarantee equal rights to live and earn a living to all its citizens, regardless of race, color or creed.

6. To have the legislature authorize the appointment of a commission representing labor, management and the public to make plans for a "training-for-jobs" program, and enlarge the scope of activities of the Division of Apprentices Standards so as to offer to all citizens "on-the-job" training programs similar to those now established for war veterans.

7. To request the legislature to supplement the budget of the Department of Industrial Relations by \$75,000 to provide the personnel necessary to render requested service to agriculture, transportation and government agencies so that returning veterans may receive benefits as provided under the G.I. Bill, while procuring a course of "on-the-job" training.

8. To consider the extension of coverage of agricultural workers, persons in domestic service, public employees and employees of non-profit corporations, for inclusion under unemployment compensation.

## Yankee McPhail Finds Strikers Different From Just an Umpire

Bel Air, Maryland

That old hustle and fight so appreciated by bleacher fans in New York's Yankee stadium got Yankee Pres. Larry MacPhail of the American League club into something worse than being sent to the showers when he used his fists to protest against strike action by the independent telephone workers in their recent nation-wide stoppage.

MacPhail's ire was aroused when the Bel Air exchange was unable to complete a call from his country estate near here to New York. He stormed into the telephone company office and began taking direct action—just as his hired hands do with an umpire whose eyesight they feel has been faulty.

The local grand jury indicted MacPhail on a charge of assault and disorderly conduct. The indictment claims the baseball club owner struck Mrs. Anna Towner, the operator, and her superior, Manager Thomas Dwyer, who interceded for her.

## Butchers Give 5000 Decks of Cards to Vets

Chicago, Illinois Earl W. Jimsom, president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, announced that the union has presented 5000 decks of playing cards to 60 Army and Navy hospitals for the diversion of convalescing servicemen.

## COSTLY WRECKAGE



Labeled 'surplus material,' 16 B-29 Superfortresses are being wrecked by workmen at Boeing Aircraft plant in Wichita, Kansas, following contract cancellation. Destruction of the planes, which cost \$8½ million, was protested by Wichita Trades & Labor Assembly as "waste of manpower and the people's money." (Federated Pictures).

## Job Insurance Battle: BENEFITS FOR THOSE LOCKED OUT AGITATED

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, California

Appealing to the State Department of Employment to pay unemployment insurance benefits to the thousands of workers who have been locked out as a result of the machinists' strike, C. J. Haggerty, Secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, met with Douglas Cameron, field supervisor, together with the Federation's special counsel on unemployment, Charley Scully, and urged that these payments be made in all cases that are qualified.

In spite of the arguments presented in behalf of the need of such a policy, it became evident that the Department of Employment will continue to proceed on a case-to-case basis, apparently refusing to develop as consistent a policy as possible.

### MANY CASES JUSTIFIED

The Federation recognizes that, under the law, the cases involved vary from plant to plant, but insists that in several places where workers, not striking machinists, were told that there was no work for them and where the plant made no effort to resume production, these workers were entitled to unemployment benefits and should be paid them forthwith. Considerable confusion has been caused by the absence of an over-all policy by the State Department of Employment, and it is to be hoped that the cases cited above will be screened from others which may be more complicated, and that payments will be ordered for the workers involved.

Another meeting between Business Representatives of unions and Mr. Cameron took place recently, where the union representatives peppered the State Employment Department official with a number of pertinent questions and observations. Following that meeting, it was agreed that those employees who have received disqualification notices will be able to appeal in a group by the filing of one petition listing all workers involved.

### WARNING ON APPEALS

For those applying for unemployment benefits, it must be stressed that no notice of an appeal should be made until an applicant has received a disqualification notice (form 1080). Filing an appeal before getting such a notice will hold up any payments. In order to avoid this eventuality and give the Employment office a chance to rule on the application, the individual worker must wait until he receives the disqualification notice before filing an appeal.

The Federation has taken steps to assist a number of the out-of-work employees in handling their appeals, which will be argued by a representative of the Federation when the cases are to be heard.

ISSUE PAMPHLET A new pamphlet on unemployment insurance, containing all changes in the law to date and explaining the complicated rules and regulations in simple language, is being issued by the Federation this week. A special feature is the use of examples which illustrate clearly when and why an unemployed worker is eligible or not eligible for benefits, and which we believe will greatly assist our members to obtain benefits. Copies will be mailed to all our affiliates, and additional copies will be available on request.

Labor productivity increased 25 per cent during the five war years. This means industry will be getting 25 per cent more production out of each worker than it did in 1939. Question: Who gets the benefits of this extra efficiency?

## Clip This—You May Need It! Unemployment Insurance

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
Department of Employment

This is No. 9 of a series of articles designed to thoroughly inform you of your rights and responsibilities under the California Unemployment Insurance Act.

APPEALS PROCEDURE—Whenever a question arises as to whether or not a worker is entitled to receive unemployment insurance, the Act requires that a representative of the Department make a determination of eligibility and notify the worker of the decision. If an employer is involved in the eligibility question, he too is notified of the decision.

Regardless of whether the decision is that unemployment insurance IS PAYABLE or IS NOT PAYABLE, the worker is notified on Form DE 1080 "Notice of Determination of Eligibility," giving the following information:

(a) Grounds upon which the determination is based.

(b) Reason that insurance IS or IS NOT payable.

(c) Beginning and ending dates of disqualification (if disqualified). If the worker is disqualified and is not satisfied that the determination is just and reasonable, within seven days after receipt of the notice he may file an appeal to a Referee. Forms for such appeals are supplied by the Department and the local office representative is instructed to assist the worker in preparing and filing such appeal. Unless an appeal is filed within the seven-day period, the determination becomes final.

All interested parties to an appeal are notified of the hearing before a Referee and are afforded an opportunity to present evidence to the Referee.

After hearing before the Referee, interested parties to the appeal will receive copy of the decision of the Referee, which is deemed the final decision of the Commission unless within ten days further appeal to the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board is initiated by the worker or the employer.

Appeals to the Appeals Board from a decision of a Referee rendered in connection with any disputed benefit determination must be filed by either claimant or employer within ten (10) days after notification was mailed to the last-known address of the claimant or the employer. Such appeals may be filed under the following circumstances:

1. AFFIRMING an original determination that the claimant is INELIGIBLE and benefits are NOT PAYABLE.

2. REVERSING an original determination that the claimant is ELIGIBLE and BENEFITS ARE PAYABLE.



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## The Labor Editor Speaks

## THE NERVOUS STOMACH REBELS

According to the apologists for outright warfare on Indonesians, the British and Dutch have to put down the independence rebellions because these uprisings are led by Japanese. Yet only a short time ago both the British and Dutch were using surrendered Japanese soldiers and arms to keep down these same natives. The attempt to blame unrest in Indonesia on the Japanese simply won't wash. The cold fact is that British and Dutch capitalists are savagely determined to keep control of the rich resources of the islands and to preserve the privilege of extorting huge profits out of underpaid native labor (20c a day).

All this, of course, does not tally up with the idealistic pronouncements about love, peace, unity, brotherhood, "independence after the war," etc. with which we were regaled while Hitler and Hirohito were still major menaces. British and Dutch imperialists, despite the wartime camouflage, never did intend to "liquidate" their empires. Now that their governments are using cold steel and TNT to restore the status quo of domination and exploitation, a "cover-up" act is required—hence the phone line that all the trouble has been stirred up by the Japs.

This is the kind of hypocrisy that always accompanies imperialism, and to see it still going on after two world wars to bring freedom and democracy to all is enough to make one retch.

## TRAFFIC AND TOMBSTONES

Since Pearl Harbor deaths in the armed forces of the United States are about 300 thousand, and accidental deaths on the home front 355 thousand. On the home front in the same time, asserts the National Safety Council, 36 million were injured. A great part of these were in automobile accidents.

No matter what it costs—and it really costs nothing but labor—safe roads, streets and highways must be built. *At the present accident rate we will have a nation of cripples.*

Our roads and crossings are woefully inadequate. Truck roads should be provided. There should be widely divided highways for high speed traffic and good roads for slow traffic. Grade crossings must be abolished.

Gasoline taxes must be higher. Most of this tax will be spread to consumers through business channels, and does not necessarily fall entirely on the owners of vehicles. Better roads tend to cheapen transportation through time-saving, cheaper insurance both to individuals and to commercial lines, and to lessen the terrific cost of accidents.

## DEVIL A SAINT WAS HE

The California Medical Association (closed shop) has almost doubled its dues. The extra money is to be used to extend prepaid medical services dominated by the doctors so as to head off state compulsory health insurance. Question: *What were the medics doing for the people all those years before popular pressure forced them to think a little more about their ethics and a little less about their fees?*

## APPRENTICESHIP FOR SOLONS

Strange, isn't it, how much time Congress can find to investigate who was responsible for Pearl Harbor and how little time it can find to plan for full employment? Of the more than 600 members of the House and Senate less than 200 are worth \$20,000 a year. The rest ought to be retired to selling apples on street corners so that they can learn the economic facts of life.

## PRIMER IN DIPLOMACY

Don't bother your head over foreign affairs. Our State Department has a very simple formula: If the people of any Balkan country decide to keep fascists, quislings and collaborators off the ballot, then the election is not free; if they decide to let them run, liberty is triumphant and recognition is in order. Just as easy as rolling off a log, see?

## PEACE BREAKS OUT AGAIN

When the poor little dove of peace finally lit on the earth again, it little dreamed that within a few short weeks it would be driven off its perch by the buzzard of imperialism.

## OUR 'FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE'

Undernourishment and starvation in France have raised the rate of infant mortality to 75 per cent—this at a time when wartime conditions greatly reduced the adult population. And we still delay in fulfilling our obligations to finance UNRRA.

## GIGGLES AND GROANS

## GULLIBLE ALL AROUND

Several years ago in California, after an election in which there were 25 propositions on the state ballot, the gagsters got busy and turned up with another of the endless "sucker" jokes. It went something like this:

GAGSTER: "Gee, I'm sure glad that No. 26 won out. I won \$20 on it. It's a measure that all of us will appreciate."

SUCKER: "No. 26? Let's see, which one was that? There were so many of those amendments I have forgotten just what Amendment No. 26 stood for."

GAGSTER: "Why, you should remember No. 26. That's the amendment that called for a law to place rubber pants on seagulls to protect the San Francisco-Oakland bridge."

## PLENTY OF TIME

A pink elephant entered a saloon, looked over the habitués, shook his head, turned to the bartender and said: "Oops, pardon! I'll be back later. I thought he was here."

## FIRST THINGS FIRST

When Mr. Bernstein dropped dead in his office, it was the sad duty of the accountant, Mr. Harper, to break the doleful tidings to his widow. He found Mrs. Bernstein lapping up a hefty plate of borscht soup. "Mrs. Bernstein," said Harper with an apologetic sigh, "I am sorry to tell you that your husband just dropped dead."

The lady said nothing, but continued her meal. "I guess you didn't hear me."

Mrs. Bernstein whirled on him and shook a soup spoon in his face. "I heard you, all right, young man," she informed him. "And just as soon as I finish this borscht soup, you are going to see a woman have hysterics!"

## THE FACTS OF LIFE

SALLY (startled by boy friend): "Well! Where did you come from?"

BILL: "Didn't your mother ever tell you anything?"

## A BUNKO GAME

A hillbilly and his bride came to Pittsburgh for their honeymoon and bought tickets for the performance of a touring musical show. At the end of the first act, the hillbilly presented himself at the box office and paid \$1.40 extra to have his seats changed from the balcony to the orchestra floor. Ten minutes later he was back at the box office.

"Give me our money back," he demanded. "That's the same bun show that's playing upstairs."

## ACCOMPLISHED URCHIN

Little Michael was spending his first night under his Aunt Minnie's roof. She came in to hear him say his prayers. "You did beautifully, Michael," she told him, when he had finished.

"That was nothing," boasted Michael. "You oughta hear me gargle."

## LORD SMILES AGAIN

"How's the wife, George?"

"Not so well, old boy. She's just had quinsy."

"Gosh! How many is that you've got now?"

## WORDS UNNECESSARY

"Speaking of bathing in famous springs," said the tramp to the tourist, "I bathed in the spring of '86."

## QUICK COVER-UP

WIFE (on telephone discussing her voice)—Guess who this is?

HUSBAND—It's—um—Edna!

WIFE (furiously)—Edna?

HUSBAND (disguising his voice)—Guess who this is!

## Apostrophe to The Belly

By COVINGTON HALL  
Beware the Belly, O my son,  
For many shameless deeds it's done!

The soul they may intimidate,  
The brain may bribe to guard their gate,  
But not the Belly! It will eat  
Though blood flow in the road and street.

When it for bread insistent cries,  
You feed it or the spirit dies.

It fears, when once it moves en masse,  
No government, no ruling class;  
It knows then but a single law,  
The urgings of the empty maw.

By it new banners are unfurled,  
Old Orders into chaos hurled;  
Up from the Belly's depths is brought;  
And all that was is less than Naught.

It has but one religious creed,  
"When I am hungry I will feed!"  
There is for it no "party line,"  
No vested right, no right divine.

It holds this true, all else a lie,  
The foodless mouth will ftssoon die.  
And so all our most dangerous thought,  
Up from the Belly's depths is brought;

Also from thence comes strength and joy—  
Guard well your Belly, O my boy!

## THE MARCH OF LABOR



THE PROPORTION OF WOMEN WORKERS ROSE FROM 25% IN 1940 TO 35% IN 1944.

YOU CAN BE SURE YOUR HAT IS UNION-MADE IF IT BEARS THIS LABEL.



LABOR TODAY AND TOMORROW, by Aaron Levenstein. Published by Alfred A. Knopf, 501 Madison Avenue, New York 22, N. Y. Price \$2.75.

Levenstein, who is with the staff of the Research Institute of America, uses as his opening theme the social and economic implications of the Montgomery Ward case involving the truculent stand by Sewell Avery. He takes the position that two trends are unmistakable—the rapidly increasing control of business by government, and along with it the growing government domination of the labor picture. Labor, he thinks, is not as conscious of the latter development as it should be, although this book was written before the abolition of the War Labor Board and the announced decision of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations to abandon the wartime "no strike" pledge and to return to basic collective bargaining.

The author sees perilous reefs ahead for both free business and free labor if certain tendencies are not halted. Unless capital and labor can more peacefully settle their differences by arbitration, more and more restrictive and oppressive legislation will be demanded of Congress. At the present moment some effort is being made to narrow the breach between business and labor at the Labor-Management Conference in Washington, but as I write this the prospects are not bright. In a "free enterprise" economy (quotation marks deliberate) it is difficult to harmonize maximum profits with maximum wage scales, and a certain amount of battling is inevitable. The question is: Will the battling become so serious that Congress will decide to interfere with the "freedom"? As a laborer, I do not agree with some of Mr. Levenstein's observations, but he has written a timely, stimulating book on a subject that will provide more and more national headaches as the years pass.

—AL SESSIONS.

## BOOKS for the CRAFTSMAN

HOW TO REMODEL A HOUSE, by J. Ralph Dalzell and Gilbert Townsend. 528 Pages, 318 Illustrations. Price \$4.75. Published by American Technical Society, Industrial Division, Dept. 1—850 E. 58th Street, Chicago 37, Ill.

This work ought to prove valuable to nearly everybody—homeowners, carpenters, plumbers, contractors, architects, etc. It is a guide to piecemeal changes as well as a complete remodeling job. A set of full-sized blueprints in the back are a big help. To the man or woman who has already experienced the fun of remodeling, this book will prove a revelation to the "man who thinks he knows it all." Says "Construction Magazine": "Dalzell and Townsend performed a real public service in these times of housing shortages and population shifts. The book is comprehensive... a creditable work, understandably written... A 24-page index increases the reference value of the volume."—AES.

INTERIOR ELECTRIC WIRING AND ESTIMATING, by Arthur Uhl, Arthur L. Nelson and Carl H. Dunlap. 354 Pages, 332 Illustrations. Price \$2.50. Published by American Technical Society, Industrial Division, Dept. 1—850 E. 58th Street, Chicago 37, Ill.

All three authors of this very practical volume are recognized authorities in the field. It deals with all phases of interior wiring, including estimating for labor and materials, and is based on the NE code. "A decidedly valuable book for the architect as well as the contractor," says "Architect and Engineer." The magazine, "Electrical Contracting" praises it highly. The "Scientific American" calls it a complete job on "the latest principles of wiring for homes, apartment buildings and factories, including permissible wire sizes, devices, conduits and the like."—AES.

## Business Agent's Prayer

O Thou who seest all things below,  
Grant that thy servants may go slow.  
That they may study to comply  
With regulations till they die.

Teach us, O Lord, to reverence  
Committees more than common sense.

Impress our minds to make no plan,  
But pass the buck whenever we can.

And when the tempter seems to give  
Us feelings of initiative,  
Or when alone we go too far,  
Chastise us with a circular.

'Mid war and tumult, fire and storms,  
O strengthen us, we pray, with forms.

Thus will thy servants ever be  
A flock of perfect sheep for Thee.

There are more autos than bath-tubs in the United States.

## Peanuts Are More Vital Than Pennies

Money is no more real wealth than a meal ticket is a meal or a railway ticket a railway journey. Real wealth is resources, skills, manpower. Finance is an accountability system of ownership, something quite artificial, a medium of exchange and distribution, an artifice outside the realities of physical production. To believe finance should be primary and controlled is to believe that the token for the slot machine is more important than the peanuts in the machine, that the ledger account is more significant than the things certified. It is to make finance the master rather than the servant of life. When, during this war, gold mines were closed or given a very low priority, it was a vivid reminder that we were thinking in terms of a realistic economics. When we largely by-passed Wall Street we gave evidence that for the war period, at least, we were moving from a banking-centered to engineering-centered economy. The popular mind will continue moving in that direction even in peace.

—ROYAL G. HALL, Social Questions Bulletin.

## Japanese to Have 'Free Labor' First Time, Said

New York City.

For the first time in Japan's history a central federation of free unions will be established in Tokyo, Tsunekichi Yamazaki, Socialist member of the Imperial Japanese Diet and veteran labor leader, told Allied Labor News in an exclusive interview in Japan.

He revealed that a conference of 200 union leaders in Tokyo recently set up a committee to draft a constitution for the federation. This outline was to be presented to a national meeting scheduled for the middle of November.

PROMISES DEMOCRACY  
"Our plans are incomplete," Yamazaki told ALN, "but I guarantee that the new central union will be democratic. We are studying the forms of foreign unions to determine the best model. We have followed the progress of the World Federation of Trade Unions with great interest. After our union is organized, we shall apply for admission to that international body."

In 1933 when the government outlawed unions, ALN said, there were 200,000 workers organized into two separate bodies, the League of Japanese Trade Unions, a conservative group, and the progressive Japanese Workers Conference. Government employees were organized into the government-sponsored League of Government Workers.

After 1933, under constant police pressure, free unions gradually dissolved. In their place the government organized the Industrial National Service Assn. Since membership was compulsory, the association numbered more than three million. Its sole aim was to raise production in war plants.

## 'Strain' Between Russ, Others Not Hard to Figure Out, Says Editor

Misunderstandings between the people of this country and the Soviet Union have been caused by misinformation as well as a lack of information, says Thomas Drife in the Michigan Labor News. A strained attitude between Russia and the rest of the countries is easy to understand, he says, and goes on to state that:

"To the governing classes, Stalin has always been the enemy, not Hitler. Hitler never did anything more than rob, starve, terrify, enslave, torture and kill millions of men, women and children; the capitalist leaders could overlook all that. But Stalin abolished profits, a crime the capitalists could never forget... The Russians know perfectly well how we feel about them... that after World War I British, French and American forces invaded their country; that during Hitler's reign British and American leaders would have liked nothing better than war to the death between Germany and Russia; that even now we may be trying to build up a strong Germany as a buffer against Russia."

## Lewis Gets Offer To Head Up New Labor Federation

Washington, D. C.  
Pres. John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated), has been offered the presidency of a proposed new national federation of independent unions, it was revealed here.

Lewis conferred for nearly an hour recently with Pres. Walter W. Cenerazzo of the American Watch Workers union (unaffiliated) at his UMW headquarters. Cenerazzo said he urged Lewis to join with other independent union leaders in forming a third federation that would be outside both the AFL and CIO.

Although there was no direct comment from Lewis, a UMW spokesman said he was "considering the proposition."

A group of the independent unions, including the watch workers, is expected to meet in Washington late in December or early in January to formally set up the new federation. It could not be determined whether Cenerazzo had made advances to the Foremen's Association of America, another unaffiliated group whose leader, Pres. Robert Keys, is trying to win representation or a hearing at the national labor-management conference. Apparently no effort was made to contact the independent Confederated Unions of America. CUA is headed by Pres. Matthew Smith, organizer of the Mechanics Educational Society of America in Detroit.

## Good Times or Smashup? NATHAN DECLARES PRESENT RECONVERSION POLICY WILL LEAD NATION TO DISASTER

Washington, D. C.

An economic smashup faces the U.S. within five years, Robert Nathan, deputy reconversion director, predicted in a recent speech to OPA workers. Present short-sighted reconversion policies, are pushing the nation down a road that ends in a cliff—and the fall will be harder and deeper than the depression of 1929, according to Nathan.

First on Nathan's program for averting the chaos he sees looming up ahead is "a tax system that makes sense." That would mean a system based on ability to pay, one which would relieve low income families, encourage international trade, favor real venture capital and productive labor, and set the tax dodgers back on their heels.

That's the very reverse of the relief-for-the-greedy tax bill just passed by Congress, which is designed primarily to benefit the 900 biggest corporations and 99,000 wealthiest taxpayers.

## WAGES AND PRODUCTION

All of Nathan's points were based on the urgency of developing high-level post-war production and full employment. That requires higher wages and stable prices—and Nathan didn't fall for any of the sub-statistics offered by industry. Like President Truman, he bluntly stated that industry can afford wage increases by dipping into its past and prospective profits, without extorting price increases in exchange.

Nathan also spoke of the importance of broadening the social security program, supporting an adequate employment service and using the anti-trust division of the Dept. of Justice to smash monopolistic prices.

## SABOTAGE MEANS DISASTER

Any sabotage of this program invites economic disaster, Nathan made plain. Backing up Nathan's prediction, Bread & Butter, weekly newsletter of Consumers Union, says its economic consultants believe certain major industries may use sidwound tactics, as they have in the past, to strengthen their economic and political controls.

Today industry is sitting down with the objectives of crippling unions, obtaining higher prices and deferring sales until 1946 to save excess profits taxes.

## If You're a Tenant, Don't Fall for This Trick of Landlords

San Francisco, Calif.  
Property owners who evict tenants by misrepresenting their intentions to occupy the premises themselves are risking criminal court action, Henry A. Cross, San Francisco District OPA Rent Executive, warns.

"Home owners who obtain legal permission to evict tenants by claiming their need for the housing and then proceed to sell the property or rent to new tenants, have violated the rent regulations just as surely as those who rent at over-ceiling rates," Cross pointed out.

"Complaints of this type are made, for the most part, by tenants who have been thus evicted and find it almost impossible to obtain any sort of housing," the Rent Executive stated. "Naturally, they feel victimized when they disingenuously cover the owner's claim as a ruse to make a quick sale or to rent to another tenant."

## Picket Yale Lock Co.



Pickets mass before entrance of Yale & Towne Mfg. Co. in Stamford, Conn., shortly after they barred the company president, Union-hating W. Gibson Carey, from entering plant. Members of Locals 529 and 1557, Intl. Assn. of Machinists have strong community support in strike for 40% wage increase and continuance of maintenance clauses in union contract. (Federated Pictures).



## SALINAS UNION DIRECTORY

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—Vice-President for San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties—Thomas A. Small, San Mateo, California, Phone San Mateo 3-8789.

BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main, at 5 p.m. Pres. J. Flint, 201 Archer, phone 3298, Secy. Louie Grasso, 251 Clay St., phone 8819. Bus. Agent, Hans Top, 1128 Laurie Ave., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341. Office at 72 N. Second St., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main, at 8 p.m. Pres. John Durnell, 533 E. Alisal. Secretary, Leon J. Smith, 117 Main St., phone 4302.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st Monday at 2 p.m. and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m. at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts. Pres. Eddie Rose. Secretary and Business Agent, Karl E. Hess. Office at Teamsters Hall, phone 6209.

BUTCHERS UNION 506 (Salinas Branch)—Pres. Geo. Gilbert; Vice Pres. Bill Steinmueller; Fin. Sec. Harry Boch; Rec. Sec. Jim Errington, (Earl Moorhead, Exec. Sec. office phone San Jose, Columbia 2132). Del Monte Ave.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7:30, Carpenters' Hall, North Main St. Pres. Roy Willis; Vice-Pres. R. Zimmerman; Bus. Agt. George Harter; Sec. H. L. Taft, 243 Clay St., phone 4246; Treas. R. L. Thurman, 5 Port Ave.; Rec. Sec. Amos Schofield.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. President, Mrs. Ed Francis; Vice-President, Mrs. Ray Luna; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aubrey Cunningham; Treasurer, Mrs. Mark Pilliar; Warden, Mrs. Bert Nelson; Conductress, Mrs. Earl Van Emon.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—No regular meetings scheduled, and subject only to call. Secretary Bertha A. Boles. Office at Teamsters Hall, Main and Main Sts., phone 6209.

ENGINEERS (OPERATING) 165—Meets 2nd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 8 p.m. Pres. C. R. Ingersoll, P.O. Box 2, Freedom. Secretary, Harry Vosburgh, 404 California St., Salinas, phone 4972.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres. Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 1216; Rec. Sec. Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, Local Union 243—Meets the first Tuesday in each month at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8:00 p.m. C. B. Phillips, Bus.-Mgr. Phone 3361, 25 Harvest St. E. M. Bills, Pres. Phone 6524.

HOD CARRIERS AND LABORERS UNION 272—Meets second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenichel, Pres., 17 Railroad Ave.; J. F. Mattos, Sec., 104 Lang St., Salinas; J. B. McGinley, Bus. Agent, office at 117 Pajaro St.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Sec.-Treas. Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas, Phone 9223.

MONTEREY COUNTY CENTRAL LABOR UNION—Meets every Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. at Teamsters' Hall, John and Main Sts.; W. G. Kenyon, Sec.-Treas., 4 Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., phone 4893; home phone 8539. Pres. F. H. L. Sprague, ph. 3863. Labor Council Negotiation Committee: Albert Harris, Main and John Sts., ph. 4983; Geo. Harter, Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main St., ph. 5721.

OPERATIVE PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS OF SALINAS AND MONTEREY COUNTY, LOCAL UNION No. 763—Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m. at Rodco Cafe; Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, Phone 1423; President, Don Frick.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 7:30 p.m., Pres. Donald McBeth, 1014 Le Costa St., phone 4126. Secretary and Business Agent, Dennis Hartman, 614 Mae Ave., phone 8783.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS UNION Local 503—Meets second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, Pres. Orin Border; Recording Secretary, William Parr; Financial Secretary, Erwin Goodson. Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Ex-Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Monday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 43 Romer Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schrieke, 636 El Camino Real, No. phone 7080.

PRESBYTERIAN 328—Meets last Tuesday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres. Milo Wingard, 339 West St., Salinas. Secretary, Milo Martella, 225 Monterey St., Salinas.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411 1/2 Alvarado St. and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres. John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Fin. and Rec. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411 1/2 Alvarado St., Monterey.

STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call at Labor Temple. President, H. E. Lyons, 15 West Street. Secretary, R. M. Allen, 124 East Alisal Street, Salinas.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—President, J. Collins; Secretary-treasurer, R. MacRossie; Recording secretary, J. H. Dies. Meet in Foresters Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO TRUCK DRIVERS' UNION, LOCAL NO. 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., Salinas, phone 7590.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month at 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres. Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Rec. Sec. Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, phone 167.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION No. 543—R. C. Sprague, Salinas, Pres.; A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATERPROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres. E. E. Lehr, 142-11th St., Pacific Grove. Sec. Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St. Salinas Phone 9668.

WAREHOUSEMEN 890—Meets first Tuesday night at Teamsters' Hall, John and Main streets. Office at same address, phone 4893. President, Albert Harris. Secretary, W. G. Kenyon. Financial secretary and business representative, Peter A. Andrade.

## Salinas - Watsonville Division

# With Local 890

## FRUIT & PRODUCE DRIVERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND EMPLOYEES UNION

Main and John Streets  
Salinas, California

To all lettuce drivers: The season is about over, and many of you are leaving for southern California. We are hopeful that upon your return you will be working under a new contract. This contract will embody all of the provisions that we have agreed to at our last meeting. We will also attempt to stabilize working conditions in all areas which you cover. If you have any

difficulties please contact our office in Salinas. In the meantime, the office of the union wishes to thank you for the manner in which you cooperated. This cooperation will result in better wages, hours and conditions for you next season.

To all members of the ice industry: The present agreement runs to July of 1946, but we have option to open our contract for wages only after January 1, 1946. All of our members employed in the ice industry, please check your contract as to vacations, as any of you who have been employed three years or more are entitled to receive eighty hours pay at straight time. You should be receiving vacation checks immediately after the season closes.

With regard to the matter of Andy Arroya, who was employed at Growers Ice: His case has not been closed as yet. We have submitted to the company three names which were rejected by them, and they in turn submitted three which were not accepted by the union. A fifth name will be chosen by the time you read this. We are hopeful that this matter will be adjusted to the satisfaction of Brother Andy Arroya, whom we feel was unfairly dealt with in this specific instance. Watch for further events in this case next week.

To all members employed at Dempsey-Hudson Company: The Dempsey-Hudson company have notified the union that they will resume operations on the 27th of this month. Any of our members who formerly were employed at that firm and desire to go back please notify the union or report to the company on North Main street, Salinas.

To all members employed at the following companies at Watsonville: Pajaro Valley Ice, Apple Growers Ice, Union Ice and National Ice Company. Since our special meeting which was held on Wednesday, Nov. 14, we have had one meeting with the company, that meeting was held on Saturday, Nov. 17, and progress was made. By the time you read this column another meeting will have been held, so be prepared to attend a specially called meeting for this industry in the very near future. We are hopeful that you will

## GILROY DIVISION

53 West Sixth Street  
(Opposite U. S. Postoffice)  
Telephone 559

All of our members at Sam Regas and Sons at San Juan are receiving a minimum of 80c per hour for women and \$1.00 per hour for men. Any of our members employed at Sam Regas and Sons who have not received their vacations, please notify our shop stewards on the job.

To all members employed at the C. B. Gentry plant: Do not forget your next regular meeting which will be held at the Gilroy hall on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at which time two meetings will be held. One at 1:00 p.m. for the night shift and at 8:00 p.m. for all those employed on the day shift. Your shop stewards have been handed grievance forms printed by the union for your use in the event it becomes necessary with the following people who are shop stewards at the C. B. Gentry company: Day shift: Sister McHenry, Brother Taffatiller and Brother Whitney. Night shift: Sisters O'Neal and Himes. A male shop steward will be elected at our next regular meeting to act on the swing shift.

Our union is very much concerned with members staying in the union when not actively engaged under our jurisdiction. Please take out a withdrawal card when you leave our jurisdiction for any length of time. Remember, also, to pay your dues promptly in order to be eligible for sick and death benefits. Report to the office of the union any instance, such as in the event you become injured and are not receiving adequate compensation from the State. If you become unemployed please report to the office of the union for employment. It is the desire of the union to place our members before placing any new people.

Remember the Eight Victory Bond Drive and Patronize Union Services.

The following members received sick benefit checks this week:

# The Propaganda Barrage:

## SCHOOLS, MOVIES, PAPERS, RADIO DELUGED WITH 'LINE' OF ANTI-LABOR NAM GROUP

Details of how the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers is poisoning the American people with its million-dollar propaganda for big business, distilled via the press, radio, movies, churches, schools and lecture platforms, were boastfully recounted in an NAM report.

Issued as a supplement to the NAM News, the November 1945 report informed some 12,000 NAM members about the activities of the National Industrial Information Committee, propaganda arm of the NAM which spends about \$1 million annually. Copy of the report was obtained by In Fact, weekly newsletter, which reprinted excerpts from it in its Nov. 19 issue. Here is how NAM propaganda reached millions of Americans in 1944 and 1945, according to the NAM report:

**NATION BLANKETED**  
Summing up its nation-wide activities, the NAM reported: "Through over 1000 conferences during 1944 with opinion-molders in all parts of the country, management's story reached 654 communities. Booklets and other miscellaneous literature carried it into thousands of communities through a total distribution of 1,989,965 pieces.

"Motion pictures are being widely used as a means of telling the private enterprise story in dramatic form to audiences of both youth and adults. During 1944, nine NIIIC film shorts were shown 686 times, through schools, clubs and other organizations, to audiences totalling 1,561,865.

**RADIO ONSLAUGHT**  
"All through the year NIIIC's extensive radio activities reach a vast audience of the nation's 31 million families who have radios. . . . Over 300 stations in 48 states, with an estimated audience of five million listeners, accepted the recent NIIIC series of 13 recorded weekly programs entitled, 'Businessmen Look to the Future.' Another series is now in preparation."

**Propaganda aimed at millions of high school students was contained in a series of "You and Industry" booklets. "Since 1940 more than 2,730,000 copies have been supplied to teachers requesting them for classroom use," the NAM said. "During 1944, 770,000 copies were requested by teachers. Demands for miscellaneous pamphlets and material reached a total of 737,000 for the year. . . .**

**"A study outline and visual classroom materials supplementing NAM's 1945 economic primer were prepared by NIIIC for the 35,000 teachers of social science. . . . NOTHING OVERLOOKED**

"The 69 million people in the smaller cities, towns and rural areas of 'grassroots' America serviced by hometown weekly newspapers are being reached increasingly through NIIIC's weekly clip-sheet of news and features. . . . More than 50 per cent of the total family population in 22 states, including New York, Pennsylvania and California, are reached by papers using Industrial Press Service."

# Co-operatives Sign Contract With Culinary

New York City  
A new agreement was signed by Cafeteria Employees Local 302, Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance, with Consumers Co-operative Services, employing about 200 workers in seven branches in New York City. Gains include an across-the-board increase of 9 per cent, one additional paid holiday and a minimum of 65c hourly for miscellaneous workers working 40 hours or less.

Kiss an industrialist and he's sure to turn the other cheek to you.

# STARS IN SERVICE

MARINE LT. BILL VESSIE, FORMER A.A.U. AND INTER-COLLEGIATE HIGH JUMP CHAMP WHEN FILLING IN A FORM ASKING "REASON FOR NOT DEFENDING A.A.U. TITLE," MERELY WROTE, "PACIFIC AREA."

BUT VICTORY 'N THE PACIFIC IS NO REASON TO STOP BUYING BONDS—YOUR WAR BOND PURCHASES HELPED SEND THE BOYS OVER TO DO THE JOB—NOW IT'S YOUR JOB TO BUY THE VICTORY BONDS THAT'LL BRINGEM HOME

New York City.

# Pay Increase Averts S. F. Clerk Strike

San Francisco, Calif.  
With overwhelming ratification of the Union's compromise proposal by the San Francisco Grocers' Association at their recent meeting, a threatened city-wide strike by grocery employees was averted and labor peace in the industry guaranteed for the ensuing year. C. H. Jinkerson, secretary of Grocers' Union Local 648, announced that by adopting the recommendations of their negotiating committee the association agreed to reduce working hours from a six-day 48-hour week to a five-day 40-hour week and increase the basic weekly pay from \$40 to \$43.

Roland C. Davis, Associate Director of the National Labor Bureau, who represented the Union in negotiations, hailed the settlement as an example of what can be accomplished when the parties negotiate with each other in the spirit of true collective bargaining. Said Davis, "By reaching peaceful settlement in a dispute involving one of San Francisco's basic industries and affecting the welfare of thousands of people, the parties have set a strong precedent for similar action in other labor disputes in this area."

Under the old scale the basic hourly rate for employees was .83c per hour. It is now \$1.075 per hour. This amounts to a 29 per cent increase in the basic hourly pay which, when combined with the fact that overtime rates at time and one-half now start after forty hours per week, is sufficient to maintain take-home earnings of the employees concerned. In addition, the parties agreed to a vacation clause providing two weeks' vacation to employees after three years of service.

The Union had originally called for a strike of the city's grocery industry starting Nov. 17, but postponed strike action when the representatives of the Grocers' Association agreed to consider the compromise settlement after a series of meetings between the union and employer representatives in which all differences were resolved across the table.

## Dilemma of Dough

If you save all you earn, you're a miser;  
If you spend all you earn, you're a fool;  
If you lose it you're out;  
If you owe it you're in;  
If you owe it they're always after you;  
If you lend it you're always after them;  
It is the cause of evil;  
It is the cause of sorrow;  
It is the cause of happiness;  
If the Government makes it, it is all right;  
If you make it, it is all wrong;  
As a rule it is hard to get;  
But when you get it, it is soft;  
It talks;  
To some it says, "I have come to stay";  
To others it whispers, "Good-bye";  
Some people go to the bank for it;  
Some people go to jail for it;  
The mint makes it first;  
It is up to you to make it last.

## MONTEREY UNION DIRECTORY

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BAKERS 24—Headquarters at Labor Temple, 72 N. Second St., San Jose. Hans Top, Secy and Bus. Agent, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS LOCAL 896—Meets 1st Thursdays at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St. President, Ralph Lester, 307 1/2 Madison St.; Secretary-Treas., A. H. Thompson, 243 Alvarado St., Ph. 5741.

BARTENDERS, HOTEL AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St. 1st Monday at 8:30 p.m. and 3rd Monday at 2:30 p.m. Pres. and Bus. Agent, E. D. McCutcheon. Secretary, Pearl Robinson, 315 Alvarado St., phone 6734.

BRICK MASON LOCAL UNION NO. 16—Meets Building Trades Hall, second and fourth Friday, 8:00 p.m. President F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 264, Watsonville; Fin.-Sec. M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, Phone 6745; Rec.-Sec. Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, Phone 3715.

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**YOUR  
CONGRESSMAN  
REPORTS**By  
GEORGE E. OUTLAND

(Mr. Outland is on a short trip to his district in California. He has asked his colleague and friend, Congressman Wright Patman of Texas, to write the column this week and to discuss the vital work of the House Committee on Small Business of which he is Chairman.)

Small business is really the biggest business in this country from the standpoint of number of enterprises, number of people employed, combined production and importance in spreading prosperity and opportunities for individual initiative. It is vital, therefore, that all such enterprises are not only protected from elimination but their welfare promoted to the fullest extent if we are to reach the goal of full employment and enable returning servicemen and women to have a place in the business picture.

The House Committee on Small Business is, as a consequence, a vital Congressional agency that concerns itself with the interest of the so-called "little man" to see that he is given every facility to develop a business of his own without restraint from monopoly or unfair competition. This applies to those now in business who have shouldered the difficulties of the past war as well as to GI Joes who have ambitions to enter some business upon their discharge from the armed forces.

Small businesses need a representative Congressional Committee that is independent of all Government agencies as a protector and champion. It is that kind of service which the House Committee on Small Business seeks to give, serving as a mouthpiece in all matters concerning the welfare of small businesses. They cannot afford to employ a high-powered Washington representative, or to make expensive trips to Washington to get something of vital concern ironed out.

That is just where this Committee can, and does, render service before such Governmental agencies as the Office of Price Administration, War Food Administration, Civilian Production Administration (formerly War Production Board) or any other branches of the Government. Through these activities it has corrected many complaints or ironed out some problems that have been disconcerting without the necessity of an expensive trip to Washington.

Small business asks no favors and does not want an umbrella to cover up inefficiencies. By the same token it believes in equal opportunities for all and special privileges to none. The chief drawback to the progress of small business has been the favoritism shown the large operators whether they are producers or distributors. Though they may profess ability to do a better job, often they receive special consideration.

The war has brought this out forcibly since the small manufacturer has had difficulty getting supplies until his ability to produce was demonstrated or he was aided by Congressional insistence. Likewise, the small crossroads merchant, so to speak, was handicapped in obtaining supplies of scarce merchandise. The big operators were favored as a course of least resistance by certain manufacturers. It has been the work of this House Committee to correct these abuses which have interfered with the progress of the small merchants in all lines.

Realizing this as a member of Congress, I have introduced H.R. 4200, which is an amendment to the Internal Revenue Code. It provides that chain corporations operating stores without a profit to establish themselves in a community may not deduct such losses from their income tax returns. It has been shown in evidence in a recent trial of the largest chain corporation that as many as 4374 stores in one year were operated at a net loss.

This practice not only injures established retail merchants by forcing destructive prices but it is an unfair method of competition. Aside from this the Treasury of the United States loses revenue that would otherwise be payable.

In addition competitors are not able to realize normal profits which likewise affects the flow of income taxes from that source. In the end small business and the Government are injured.

The House Committee on Small Business invites correspondence from small businessmen who have any discriminatory problems to contend with.

Marriage is a bit or miss proposition. If you don't make a hit, you remain a miss.



"Pop, I need an increase in my allowance," Little Luther announced. "The price of movies is up. You're only getting half as big a comic book for a dime nowadays. Hamburgers cost 15c. A double-dip cone costs twice as much as before the war. You're making more than you used to..."

"Whoa, Luther! Stop right there," Mr. Dilworth demanded. "What I make is none of your business. It has nothing to do with the matter. You were talking about wages. Stick to the subject."

"What you were making had a lot to do with it the last time you cut my allowance," Little Luther said. "At least that's the excuse you gave me then. Said you were broke, going to the poor house and what not."

"I hereby officially declare these negotiations have broken down," Mr. Dilworth announced, "and therefore we will not discuss the matter further. If I have anything more to say, I'll say it to the Parents' Protective League which is, incidentally, unfiliated."

"Pop, as I live and breathe, I'll picket this house if you don't negotiate."

"And I," blustered Mr. Dilworth, "will call the cops if you picket. We've had just about all the juvenile delinquency we can stand. While you kids were collecting salvage for the war, we overlooked it. But now, with all the young parents back from war, we're going to clamp down on you."

"I'll tell Dorothy Dix about you," warned Little Luther.

"Not a bad idea, son," Mr. Dilworth said. "What do you say we have a conference to settle this problem?"

"Anything that settles it right is OK with me," Little Luther said. "Fine," Mr. Dilworth beamed. "Now we'll have the cop on the beat as chairman, and of course we'll have Dorothy Dix and maybe Mr. Anthony to represent the public. And me. And maybe your mother. And you. Of course, we'll let you come. This must be democratic."

"Generous old skinkflint, aren't you?" said his son. "I'm supposed to get an increase singlehanded out of a packed jury like that?"

"Increase?" asked Mr. Dilworth. "What do you mean, increase? Who ever said anything about increases?"

"Well, I did, for one," Little Luther said. "I said I wanted an increase. You said I couldn't have one. That's two people that said something about increases."

"Oh, THAT," said Mr. Dilworth. "That was back in the negotiations that broke down. This is entirely different."

"I'll say it is," Little Luther admitted. "Me against two parents, two 'experts' and a cop. But if the conference is not about an increase, what is it to be about?"

"Well, procedure mostly, I'd say," Mr. Dilworth explained. "We'll sit right down around a conference table and freely and openly negotiate, and when we're through we'll have a procedure for discussing that other thing you mentioned."

"The increase?"

"Please, Luther, don't say that word again or I'm afraid I'll have to call the conference off," Mr. Dilworth said sternly.

"Call it off?" queried Little Luther. "You haven't called it on yet."

"See? See? That's what we parents have to put up with," his father wailed. "All right, that's the end of it. I'll write Congress and THEY'LL pass a law that will take care of you little pests."

"OK, Pop, but how about an increase in my allowance in the meantime?"

**Profiteers Run True  
To Form; They Chisel  
On Artificial Limbs!**

Washington, D. C. The freedom of free enterprise to gyp America's war heroes by conspiring to fix the prices of artificial limbs was challenged by the U. S. Dept. of Justice in indictments returned against 75 per cent of the industry charging violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

Among the charges involving a trade association, 45 corporations and 34 individuals are in conspiracy to set high, unreasonable and non-competitive prices in bids to the U. S. Veterans Administration; prevent charitable institutions from making artificial limbs available free of charge, and impeding and discouraging development and improvement of the utility and comfort of artificial limbs.

**Speaker Says Soviet  
Demands on Policing  
Of Japanese 'Right'**

Berkeley, Calif. "Russia's demands for an inter-Ally Government in Tokyo are exactly right," declared Dr. Jerome Davis, sociologist, author, and teacher, in a public lecture last Monday at the First Congregational Church.

Dr. Davis, lecturing on the Earl Foundation on return from his two year trip covering parts of Europe, and Asia, including spending the last year in Russia, forecast, "We will get along in peace with Russia in spite of the London Conference."

**Liberalism--Home Variety:  
TRADITIONAL IMPERIALISTIC  
POLICY OF BRITAIN CARRIED  
OUT BY LABOR PARTY CHIEFS**

Washington, D. C.

The British labor government, which is busily making plans for the nationalization of the Bank of England and the coal industry, and studying taking over the railroads, is a good deal less than liberal or socialist in its foreign policy.

Just how the continuation of the Churchill foreign policy is sitting with the great majority of British voters who supported Attlee & Co. in the election is hard to determine. But the empire's role in Java, India, China, Egypt and India is not designed to make the peoples of those oppressed lands think kindly of British policy, the Labor party or the reiterated professions of liberty, democracy and freedom for which all the United Nations supposedly fought.

**THE TRAP OF IMPERIALISM**

Britain, under the leadership of the Labor party, is the same imperialist Britain that was ruled during the past 20 odd years by the Conservative party of Chamberlain and Churchill.

Take, for instance, the Indonesian situation on the narrow Dutch island of Java. It is mainly a feudal country. It is not a British possession, yet British troops, British tanks and warships, backed up by the RAF, have been slaughtering natives who aspire only to freedom, democracy and a measure of self-determination.

The British action in carrying on a war against the Indonesian nationalists is to help save an important Dutch imperialism, to demonstrate white superiority in the Far East and serve as an object lesson to the teeming millions in British India. The Dutch lack military and naval strength necessary to save Java for their queen.

**EGYPTIANS RESTLESS**

British troops in Egypt are a continual irritation to the Egyptian government, which is again pressing for their withdrawal and an end to imperial restrictions on the independence that is something less than factual.

Not all the members of the British Labor party are taking this imperialistic policy quietly. On Armistice day a group of 60 labor members of Parliament signed a round robin saying that British troops "must not be used in military operations calculated to restore Dutch and French imperialism in the Far East."

The same day British reinforcements sailed for Java to extend the full dress war that so far has killed women and children as well as the troops of the Indonesian nationalists in the naval base city of Soerabaja.

**Textile Workers File  
For Strike Votes in  
Three Biggest Plants**

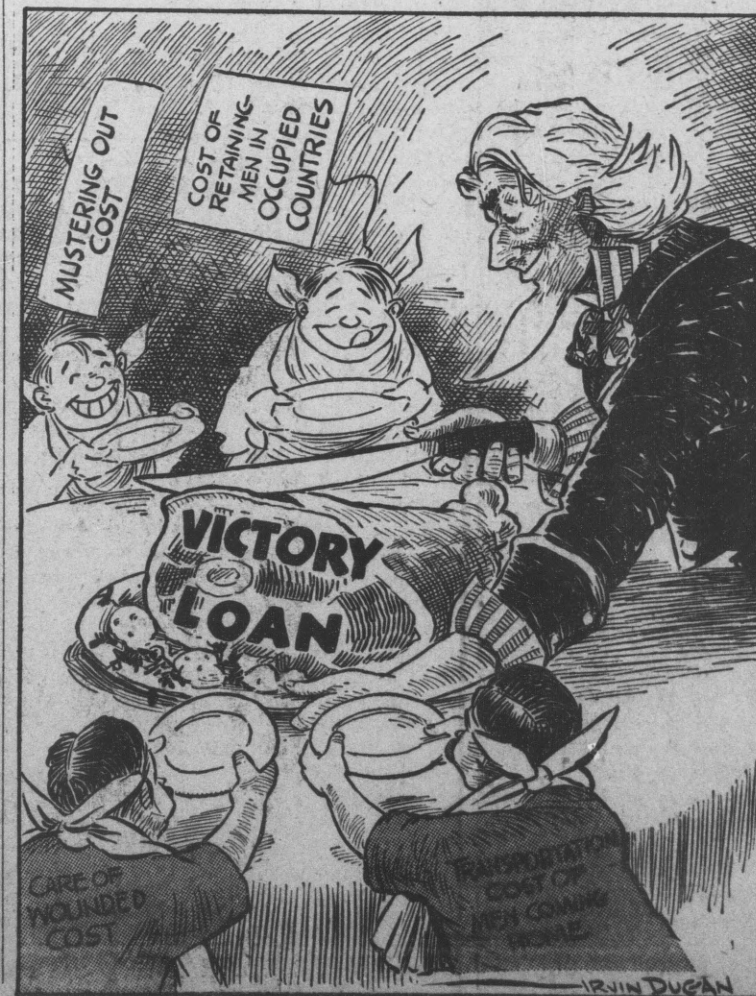
Washington, D. C. Petitions for strike votes in three large plants with 8500 employees have been filed by the United Textile Workers. The UTW petitions covered the American Enka Corp., Enka, N.C., and the plants of the North American Rayon Corp. and the American Bemberg Corp., both at Elizabethton, Tenn.

Pres. Anthony Valente of UTW said the union is demanding a wage increase of 25 per cent at the three plants.

Another petition filed with the NLRB by the UTW asks a strike vote at the Asheville Cotton Mill, Asheville, N.C. In this instance the union is asking an increase of 10c an hour for about 400 employees, Valente said.

**Victory Bonds Supply These**

By Dugan

**Unity Rally  
Asks Allied  
Friendship  
In Post War**

New York City.

"Continued United Nations unity can bring the world peace, employment and security for all," was the dominant theme at a World Freedom Rally held in Madison Sq. Garden recently by the Natl. Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

The rally, attended by 21,000 people with about 10,000 turned away, marked the 12th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the U. S. and the Soviet Union. Star speaker was the Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson, dean of Canterbury, who flew from London to address the meeting. Others who spoke were N. V. Novikov, Soviet charge d'affaires, Under Sec. of State Dean Acheson, Joseph Davies, former ambassador to Russia, and Paul Robeson.

**EXPLAINS "SUSPICION"**

Johnson, known as the "red dean" because of his outstanding friendship toward the Soviet Union, declared that the major misunderstanding among the allies at the moment "lies in the potential threat of atomic war."

"This threat it lies in our hands to remove," Johnson said. "The generous confidence of the western powers will go far to uproot the many deep suspicions of our great eastern ally."

Novikov reaffirmed Soviet desires for strong friendship with the U. S. and Acheson, estimating American-Soviet relations, advised avoiding "the pitfalls of over-optimism on the one side and despair on the other."

**HIGH COURT  
TO RULE ON  
LABOR CASE  
IN FLORIDA**

Washington, D. C.

Can a state prohibit the closed shop or maintenance of membership agreements by enactment of a constitutional amendment?

This last hope of the anti-union, open shop forces will get a final answer soon from the U. S. Supreme Court, which agreed recently to hear arguments on the question from the AFL and the state of Florida.

Florida adopted a constitutional amendment in 1944 stating that "the right of persons to work shall not be denied or abridged on account of membership or non-membership in any labor union or labor organization; provided that this clause shall not be construed to deny or abridge the right of employers by and through a labor organization or labor union to bargain collectively with their employer."

A three judge U. S. District Court in Florida upheld the closed shop ban and the AFL brought the case directly to the Supreme Court, which has limited arguments to the jurisdiction of the federal court.

The NLRB has ruled in several cases that state laws must bow before the weight of the Wagner labor relations act. One of these NLRB decisions came in a Florida case instituted under the constitutional amendment. In it the NLRB upheld maintenance of membership clauses signed by three AFL unions in a paper mill.

**Civilian Board  
Keeps Majority  
Of Advisers of  
Old War Board**

Washington, D. C.

In order to help speed reconversion in basic industries, the Civilian Production Administration, successor to WPB, has decided to retain the majority of WPB's labor advisory committees, it was announced.

CPA Administrator J. D. Small said his agency will "work with labor on plans to speed up reconversion and maximum production. The government-labor co-operation which proved so valuable during the war will be continued through maintenance of labor-advisory committees."

Among the industries in which the committees will be kept are steel, non-ferrous metals, auto, textiles, foundry and forge; logging and lumber; radio and radar; transportation equipment and domestic electrical appliances.

Meetings of the labor committees will be called soon in industries with most pressing conversion problems, and the CPA is determining whether any new labor advisory committees shall be named for fields not previously covered.

Congress is contemplating a law banning strikes. If the baby cries, cut his head off. That'll keep him quiet!

**Typographical  
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New York City

More than 3000 members of Local 6, International Typographical Union, voted approval here of a new wage contract with the New York City Publishers Association providing substantial wage increases for the unionists. Local Pres. Laurence H. Victory called the contract, which went into effect recently, "one of the best in union history."

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